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December Progress Report for AEQUOR

1. Headquarters Action Required:

- ✓ A. Covert security clearances for AECAMPOSANTOs 10 and 11.
- ✓ B. Request Headquarters conduct traces on Subjects of paragraph 3e below and comment on other aspects of proposal.
- ✓ C. Request Headquarters comments and authorization utilize AECAMBISTA 5 as outlined in paragraph 3f below.

2. Synopsis of Developments: During the month of December assessment of AECAMPOSANTO 11 was completed and a medical and LCFLUTTER examination given. Arrangements were made for transfer of AECAMPOSANTO 10 to Munich. A discussion was held with AECAMBISTA 2 regarding recent operational traffic, a modified spotting program, and utilization of AECAMBISTA 1 personnel in TPLINGO. AECAMBISTA 2 continued to serve as cut-out and general informant. Possible security hazard developed with attempt of CANTABILE 1 to establish contact with members of AECAMBISTA 1.

3. Account of Developments:

A. AECAMPOSANTO 11 returned to Munich on 6 December for completion of his assessment, his physical examination and the LCFLUTTER examination. A complete package containing the details of the results of the foregoing is being prepared by the Assessment Section and will be forwarded to Headquarters in the near future. AECAMPOSANTO 11 is being kept in a local pension and paid per diem rather than being placed in a safe-house requiring considerable logistic support. Because of his favorable LCFLUTTER and medical AECAMPOSANTO 11 was permitted to return to Louvain for the Christmas holidays, during which time he establishes his cover story and cuts ties with the group.

B. Only one meeting was held with AECAMBISTA 2 during the month of December. At this meeting recent operational traffic was reviewed, arrangements were made for informing AECAMPOSANTO 10 to come to Munich, and a modified spotting program was discussed. In regard to operational traffic AECAMBISTA 2 requested that copies of all previous messages be made available for the next meeting so that he could make a brief survey of the progress or lack of progress during the operational period. This was agreed to with the stipulation that the review be conducted in the presence of the case officer with no copies being retained by AECAMBISTA 2.

C. AECAMBISTA 2 had previously written to AECAMPOSANTO 10 informing him to be ready to come to Munich permanently on two-weeks notice. AECAMBISTA 2 said that he would ask AECAMPOSANTO 10 to come as soon as possible but said that there might be some difficulty in obtaining a visa in such a short time. It is anticipated that AECAMPOSANTO 10 will arrive early in January.

D. AECAMBISTA 2 is dubious about initiating any half-way representative program. The individuals suggested by Headquarters, AECAMBISTAs 13 and 14 are presently taking courses in the university. AECAMBISTA 2 said quite frankly that he could not ask them to give up their studies in order to take an assignment in another country, particularly since it was doubtful as to

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how long such a program would be sustained by the Americans. However, he suggested that the leader of the main Belorussian groups in England and France be utilized for this purpose. At present the group leader in any particular country is able to spend only a fraction of his time at "organizational" work because of the necessity of working full-time at his regular employment. If the "spotting" program would be secure enough to allow these men to quit their regular jobs and devote themselves full-time to the organizational tasks, AECAMBISTA 2 feels that a fairly effective program could be implemented. He doubts, however, that our budget would be sufficient to cover the requirements of anything but a half-measure organizational program.

E. AECAMBISTA 2 proposed the following persons as spotters, at least on a temporary basis until AECAMBISTAS 13 and 14 complete the current university term:

1. Subject of paragraph 1 under section II, Attachment B to EGMA-05242 (Le Creusot area).
2. Subject of paragraph 1 in group "over 35" in the London area (Attachment A to EGMA-05242).

It is requested that traces be initiated at Headquarters on the basis of information given in EGMA-05242. Additional biographical information is being obtained by AECAMBISTA 2. If Headquarters thinks it advisable and will authorize the expenditure of funds for that purpose, these men can be brought to Munich for interviews and assessment of their capabilities for performing spotting and organizational tasks. In lieu of this, consideration should also be given to having the field case officer go to the area concerned, not only for interviewing the prospective spotters, but also for making an on-the-spot appraisal of Belorussian assets in the area.

F. During his stay in Munich AECAMBISTA 2, together with the editor of the newspaper, talked with officers of TPLINGO regarding participation of certain personnel of AECAMBISTA 1 in TPLINGO activities. To advise you of the nature of the discussions, copies of memoranda are being forwarded under a separate ~~dispatch~~. The only person materially affected by the TPLINGO effort is AECAMBISTA 5. From the standpoint of cover we could ask for nothing better than to have AECAMBISTA 5 incorporated into the TPLINGO set-up. This will provide him a regular-type employment and he will no longer be just a free-lance journalist. However, because of AECAMBISTA 5's loyalty to Americans, he should still be utilized for political and CE reporting as well as cut-out purposes. For these tasks a small remuneration can be made, perhaps in the neighborhood of 100-150 marks monthly. This will be in addition to the salary he obtains from TPLINGO. [AECAMBISTA 2 said that he did not plan to work for TPLINGO but preferred to remain in Belgium. He did hint, however, that there might be some change in his personal status in the near future the nature of which he did not wish to discuss at the present time.]

G. The publisher of the newspaper received a letter from CANTABILE 1. The letter was turned over to AECAMBISTA 5 who reported the matter to the undersigned. In the letter CANTABILE 1 asks that arrangements be made for him to meet either AECAMBISTA 2 or 5. He claimed to have information on interest to the Belorussian cause. The undersigned told AECAMBISTA 5 to avoid contact with CANTABILE 1 if at all possible. If there should be a meeting of the two, AECAMBISTA 5 is to merely listen to CANTABILE's story

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and take everything he says with a grain of salt. AECAMBISTA 5 said that this would be easy to do since he always regarded CANTABILE as "psycho"

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